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(SALTTWO - 1655)

SUMMARY: AFTER SIDES BRIEFLY REVIEWED SOME ASPECTS OF
THEIR RESPECTIVE CRUISE MISSILE AND CRUISE MISSILE RANGE
DEFINITIONS, U.S. PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE FOR TREATY
PROVISIONS ON ASBM CARRIERS. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIETS DENIED THEIR CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION
PENALIZED LATERAL MANEUVERS, CONTENDING THAT BOTH LATERAL
AND VERTICAL MANEUVERS WERE TO BE PERMITTED AND TAKEN
INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING RANGE COMPUTATION. SUCH ELEMENTS
OF MISSILE'S STANDARD DESIGN MODE AS FUEL CAPACITY, ALTI-
TITUDE AND SPEED, AS WELL AS OPERATION OF ON-BOARD SYSTEMS
SUCH AS GUIDANCE WERE ALSO TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
PEREZ QUERIED WHETHER SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF STANDARD
DESIGN MODE WOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF RELEVANT SYS-
TEMS NOT ON BOARD MISSILE ITSELF AND SOVIETS INDICATED
THEY WOULD STUDY QUESTION.

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2. SOVIETS ASKED FOR U.S. RATIONALE IN DEFINING CMS AS
WEAPON-DELIVERY VEHICLE. PEREZ RESTATED U.S. BELIEF THAT
SOVIET DEFINITION, BY OMITTING WEAPON-DELIVERY CRITERION,
COULD ENCOMPASS OTHER AERODYNAMIC VEHICLES WHICH WERE NOT
CRUISE MISSILES IN USUAL SENSE OF TERM. KARPOV ASKED
WHETHER ARMED AND UNARMED MISSILES OF SAME TYPE, E.G.,
TOMAHAWK, COULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY AND U.S. REPLIED

THIS QUESTION CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY.

3. U.S. PROPOSAL ON ASBM CARRIERS WAS PRESENTED, CHANGING WORD "AIRCRAFT" TO "AIRPLANE" IN ARTICLES II.4, III.4, VI.2(B) AND VI.4. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, NEW PARAGRAPH ALSO ADDED TO ARTICLE VIII EXPLICITLY PROHIBITING FLIGHT TESTING OR DEPLOYMENT OF BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KM FROM AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN AIRPLANES. PEREZ NOTED THAT SINCE AIRPLANES WHICH CARRY ONLY ASBMS ARE NOT THEMSELVES SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS, THIS SOLUTION DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO DEFINE SUCH AIRPLANES AS HEAVY BOMBERS. KARPOV SAID SOVIETS WOULD STUDY U.S. PROPOSAL AND WOULD DISCUSS IT LATER.

4. SIDES FORMALLY EXCHANGED TEXTS OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE XVI, AGREED IN PLENARY MARCH 9. TEXT FOLLOWS; BEGIN QUOTE.

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT ICBM LAUNCHES TO WHICH THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE XVI APPLY, INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THOSE ICBM LAUNCHES FOR WHICH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, SIGNED SEPTEMBER 30,

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1971, AND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON THE PREVENTION OF INCIDENTS ON AND OVER THE HIGH SEAS, SIGNED MAY 25, 1972. NOTHING IN ARTICLE XVI IS INTENDED TO INHIBIT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, OF ANY ICBM LAUNCHES NOT SUBJECT TO ITS PROVISIONS, THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF WHICH WOULD ENHANCE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

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